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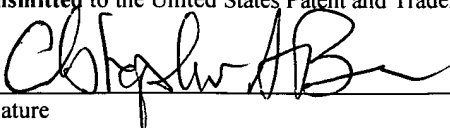
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RESPONSE TO NON FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated December 6, 2006, please consider the following. Prior to entry of this amendment, the largest number of claims paid for is believed to be five independent claims and 20 total claims. On entry of this amendment, two independent claims and 29 total claims will be pending. Fees for nine additional total claims are enclosed, and any overpayment is requested to be credited to Deposit Account 23-3030. No other fees or extensions of time are believed necessary for entry of this amendment. If any extensions or fees are deemed necessary, please provide such extensions and charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include payment of issue fees.

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